

SOME FUN

And Church Doctrine in Police Court This Morning.

Eugene Perkins, (colored) from Austin, this state, was the first one up in police court this morning. His charge was drunkenness. When asked if he was guilty he replied: "Yes, Squiah, I reckon dat's right; but I don't want my name to go in no news-papers, for I's a good Christian Baptist and couldn't tell a lie for the whole world."

At this point His Honor remarked that good Christians shouldn't drink; asked him what he supposed the good Lord would think about it. To which Perkins replied that he had asked the Lord to forgive him and he had done so, and he hoped that the white gentleman would do the same. "You see, Squiah, I'se just away on a little vacation, and I done 'sociated with a bunch of white men yisterday, and, suh, dey did have a little whiskey, (here the tears streamed down his face) and I does like it, suh, and I spect I took a little too much, and I reckon dat Cop what got me done 'zactly right, kase if he hadn't'er some others' would. But you done got me here now and I can't do nothin, but if you'll jest please let me go home I shorley will send the money." City Solicitor Stanley asked His Honor if one of the Cardinal principles of his church read something like this: "Once in grace, cannot back-slide." "Yes it is true in regard to the church, but not of the man. I think he must have been a Methodist before coming to us." "I guess that's the proper explanation," replied City Clerk Engle, "he fell from grace into the Baptist church."

John Linski, a Polisher had certainly stacked up against some shor-gun whiskey, judging from the way he was scattered along the Barns-ville road in the neighborhood of Bo Clayton's residence. Three and Mike Hartnett, plain drunk was also assessed three and costs. He, like all the others, didn't have a cent.

What is Old Age?

In considering the service pension order of the Interior Department, directed by President Roosevelt, Senator Carmacks, of Tennessee, quoted the whereas to the effect that "old age is an infirmity, the average nature and extent of which the experience of the Pension Bureau has established with reasonable certainty"—that is sixty-two years. Then occurred this exchange:

Mr. Spooner—"I am glad to hear deny that?"

Mr. Carmack—"I do."

Mr. Spooner—"Does the Senator mean to say that old age is not an infirmity?"

Mr. Carmack—"I do."

Mr. Spooner—"I am glad to hear it."

Mr. Aldrich—"Although you would want some better evidence?"

Mr. Carmack—"I do not know any man who bears his sixty-two years with more ease and honor than the Senator from Wisconsin, and I offer the honorable Senator as an exhibit to prove that sixty-two years of age does not constitute infirmity."

Mr. Spooner—"I can testify to the fact that I cannot do the manual labor now that I could do ten or fifteen years ago."

Mr. Carmack—"I have done a great deal."

Mr. Carmack—"I cannot believe it."

Mr. Spooner—"What?"

Mr. Carmack—"I cannot believe it."

Mr. Spooner—"The Senator does not doubt my word?"

Mr. Carmack—"I am compelled to doubt that the Senator could ever have been classed as a manual laborer. What I was saying is that age may cause infirmity, just as a gunshot wound or an accident of any kind may cause an infirmity, but age itself is not an infirmity. Whether it produces infirmities at any particular time of life depends upon the native vigor of a man's constitution. It must be decided with reference to each particular man."

New Carpet for Baptist Church.

The Baptist church has commenced house cleaning a little early. Several important affairs are to take place there soon and the congregation is getting everything in readiness. A handsome new carpet is being put down now which will add very materially to the beauty and attractiveness of the church.

CASE IN JUSTICE AMOS' COURT POSTPONED.

The case in Justice Amos' court this morning against Tony Couch, in which a peace warrant was sworn out by Susie Powell, was postponed until next Tuesday at 4 o'clock.

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HUMOR OF THE HOUR

Sweetheart Defined.

A certain family who have imported a Finnish domestic have been laboring to teach her the English language by means of a language and phrase book.

Considerable difficulty was encountered in the word "sweetheart," but Finnish Mary professed herself able to grasp the meaning of the word.

The other night a male visitor called on Miss Alice, and after Mary had announced him and the young lady had gone downstairs she still lingered in her mistress' room.

"Well, Mary," said that lady, "what is it?"

"He downstairs—he Miss Alice's soul honey?" she asked.

The lady concealed her amusement, but the family now revel in that new and most expressive definition.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Revenge.

Little Eddie and his father had been transacting certain disagreeable business in the nursery. When the young man emerged there were tear stains on his cheeks and a lingering look of resentment in his eyes. His Aunt Ella in the tenderness of her heart thought to divert his mind from his troubles, so she asked him:

"What are you going to be when you grow up?"

An expression of set determination came to his face, and he jerked his head menacingly as he answered:

"I'm going to be a father."—Brooklyn Eagle.

A Place For It.

"I have hopes," said Saphead, "of getting a job in Mr. Merchant's office, don't y' know?"

"I wouldn't be surprised if he did find room for you," remarked Pepprey, "he's very systematic."

"Aw—beg pardon—why?"

"Well, he believes in providing a place for everything and everything in its place."—Philadelphia Press.

Preliminary Steps.



"What is the first thing to do in learning to run an automobile?"

"The first thing is to get your life insured, and the second is to have an obese bank roll for repairs."

In Doubt.

"Yes," said the king of the cannibal islands in the dime museum; "you have had a wonderful attraction for me from the first moment I saw you. Will you be mine?"

But the fat lady naturally was in doubt.

"Do you want me for a wife or a dinner?" she asked.—Chicago Post.

Too Good to Be True.

Genevieve—Surely you won't deny that Mr. Cleverly is a most reputable man?

Aunt Jane—On the contrary, I am inclined to think him hardly respectable. A man who is always making good resolutions is not to be trusted, you know.—Boston Transcript.

Two Too Many.

"Triplets," said wee Willie Winkle-top, with a very knowing air, "always come to poor families. It's when God sends them a whole line of samples to pick from and they hasn't enough money to pay the expressman to take two of 'em back."—Lippincott's Magazine.

Not One Word.

"So you proposed to her? And did she say the happy word?"

"She didn't say one word."

"Ah, I see! 'Silence gives consent'."

"You misunderstand me. She didn't say one word, but four. She said, 'Not on your life.'"

A Marked Man.

Crawford—I see your friend the congressman seems to think he is serving his last term.

Crabshaw—You see, the seeds he sent his constituents this year didn't come up.—Judge.

Welcome to Albion.

Tourist—We're from America, you know.

Groom—America! Ho, yes, that's where the money comes from to get our nobility out of debt.—Cincinnati Times-Star.

Not a Craze.

"Has your wife the whist craze?"

"No," answered the sardonic person. "She keeps her mind all right. It's the person she has for a partner that is in danger of craziness."—Washington Star.

Bonnet Bears Them No More. Patience—You say her fancy often takes wings?

Patrice—Well, it used to until she joined the Audubon society.—Yonkers Statesman.

Of Course.

"Young Briggs was killed yesterday?"

"I didn't know he had an auto."

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WON FIRST PLACE IN THE INTER-NORMAL CONTEST.

Fairmont Representative Did Well But Was in Hard Luck.

Prof. W. L. McCowan, of the Normal School, returned last night from the Inter-Normal contest, which was held at Hinton. Only four of the Normals were represented—Fairmont, Shepherdstown, Huntington and Concord. West Liberty and Glenville were not represented.

Huntington won first prize and Shepherdstown second. The other two were not announced.

It seems that fate was against our contestant, Mr. E. B. Harden. He started Friday morning, but owing to a wreck on the Parkersburg branch, he was delayed five and a half hours and missed connection at Huntington. From there he took the accommodation and had to stand up nearly half the way. When he arrived at Hinton, tired and worn out after a journey of 289 miles, the contest was going on and the second speaker was on the floor. Without time to rest, Mr. Harden came upon the floor and delivered a fine oration, but could not do himself or the school he represented justice.

He deserves great praise for the way he upheld the school under the circumstances. Prof. Wilkinson, who holds the contest each year, said that this was the closest contest yet held.

Mr. Harden did not come home last night, but came to Moundsville to visit friends before returning home.

A Magnificent Record.

The record of the Republican party is made up to date, and it cannot be changed by attempts to distort or misrepresent it. It is history, and it forms by far the most brilliant page in the history of the country. It embodies all the progress the country has made during the last century, from an isolated nation, almost without recognition beyond its own borders, to a world power, whose influence for civilization and progress is felt throughout the world, and from a place away down in the list of manufacturing and commercial countries to the very front rank. The party under whose government and policies the country has made this progress has not succeeded by "broken pledges and forgetting promises of reform," nor by discarding American traditions, but by adopting high ideals and living up to them, by formulating progressive policies and carrying them out. Mr. Cleveland is greatly mistaken if he thinks the people can be induced to exchange this kind of progress, development and growth for "such safety and quiet as may be offered them by a patriotic and conservative Democracy."—Indianapolis Journal.

The papers of the state have been publishing different versions of the divisions of the delegates from this county to the state convention. For the information of those who are not certain as to this point, the Inter-Mountain is in a position to state authoritatively that the delegation of twelve votes is equally divided between Mr. Teter and Mr. Dawson, each of whom will receive six votes in the Wheeling convention.—Elkins Inter-Mountain.

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